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LETTERS
Sent to the
Honorable *William Lenthal* Eſquire,
Speaker of the Honorable Houſe of Commons:
Concerning the Total
DISBANDING
Of Sir *Ralph Hoptons* Army
IN
CORNVVAL.
AND
Sir *Thomas Fairfax* his Advance
Towards
EXECTER.

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TO

The Honorable *William Lenthal* Eſq; Speaker of the Honorable Houſe of COMMONS.

SIR,

IN my laſt I gave you an accompt of the beginning to disband the Lord *Hoptons* Army, I can now ſatisfie you of the concluſion of that great work. This day having put a period thereunto, except two Troops of the Princes Regiment, under the Command of Sir *Francis Mackworth*, which by reaſon of the darkneſſe of the night, could not be conveniently diſpatched, and ſo put off till to morrow at ſeven of the clock, by nine it will be done; and preſently after, Proclamation is to be made for the Enemy, or any belonging unto them, immediately to depart from *Truro*, and all thoſe Ports to be with the Convoy to morrow night, or elſe to be taken as Spies, and proceeded againſt accordingly: I have been preſent at the disbanding of theſe Forces, from the firſt to the laſt (except as aforeſaid)

and never did see a thing done with so much civility on both sides, and not the least appearance of insulting on ours, as if we had never been at variance each with other; not a reproachful word used, nor the value of two pence taken from any man by the Souldiers of this Army, though the Countrey people are apt enough, if they have opportunity, and the Enemies Souldiers straggle to revenge former injuries; but the Convoy (so long as the Souldiers keep with them) suffer not the least prejudice to befal them. The number of Brigades in all that have been disbanded are nine, *viz.* The *French* Brigade consisting of three Regiments, the Lord *Wentworths* Brigade consisting of four Regiments, Sir *James Smiths* Brigade consisting of three Regiments, the Lord *Clevelands* Brigade consisting of four Regiments, Major General *Webbs* of three Regiments; the Lord *Hoptons* Brigade commanded by Colonel *Bovil*, the Lords *Gorings* Brigade of five Regiments, the Princes Lifeguard consisting of 9 Troops, and 700 men armed, Sir *Richard Greenvils* Reformadoes, the men that are dismounted are proper and lusty men: Orders are given out for the Army to face-about, and march Eastward, part of it moves to morrow, the residue on Saturday, except two or three Regiments that are to stay behinde for the blocking up of *Pendennis*, and the Mount: The Castle of *Pendennis* was summoned yesterday, but those within gave a peremprory Answer of refusal; and Mr. *Arundel* bears the name of Governour, but Sir *John Digby*, Sir *Henry Killegrew*, Col. *Slaughter*, Col. Sir *Abraham Shipman*, and some others of desperate fortunes over-rule the Gentleman, and make him govern and command, to serve their own ends, though it be to ruine himself. On Wednesday the General sent this Boat

er in haſte with a Letter to Saint *Maws*, who imbarqued himſelf there, and went three or four Leagues to Sea, to the Parliaments Ships, and acquainted them with a Frigot of *Dunkirk* that lay in the Harbour at *Falmouth*, and much annoyed our men at *Penny-come-quick*, a place of good ſhelter for our men that lie againſt the Caſtle. So this morning between one and two of the Clock, a Frigot of ours put into the Harbour, being Moon-light, had the honor to be ſaluted with twenty peeces of Canon from the Caſtle, but got in without any prejudice, and hauled the *Dunkirk* Veſſel, who inſteed of yeelding, gave two Broad-ſides, but our Veſſel preſently made up, and after a little diſpute Boarded Her, put the Iriſh to the Sword, preſerved the reſt, and have them priſoners aboard. It is a fine Veſſel belonging to *Brown Buſſel*, commanded by Captain *Lewis*, and will be of ſingular uſe to clear the Harbour, if any Veſſel of the Kings happen to come in, having the benefit of Saint *Mawes* on the one ſide, and at the mouth of the Harbour, the aſſiſtance of *Hilford* Fort, which was this day ſurrendered to us, wherein were twenty and ſix peeces of Ordnance; ſo their ſtrong Caſtle of *Pendennis* is of little uſe at Sea; and by Land of no great prejudice, conſidering the narrow neck of Land it ſtands upon; and the Line that may be drawn from Sea to Sea, and may be defended with as many men as are in the Caſtle.

The other day in the Evening, according as their cuſtome is, fired houſes, and would have fired Towns, had they not been prevented by the ſudden coming of our Forces to *Peuryn* and *Penny come quick*, the houſe of the Lady *Killegrew* (Sir *Peters* own Mother) was the firſt ſubject of their fury, whoſe houſe the enemy fired without

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mercy, which was our endeavour to have prevented, if we could have come in time: Lieutenant Colonel *Ingoldsby* going to view the Caſtle, received a ſhot from ſome Muskettiers of the Enemies that were behinde the Mud-Wals, of which he died within three hours, being a valiant and ſtout man: Major *Cobbet* alſo was ſhot in the Arm, but not dangerouſly.

This is all the accompt time would give me leave to preſent you with concerning the Army, or theſe parts, which I thought fit to ſend this Bearer purpoſely withal, that you may be certainly informed of our condition: adding this, that about an hundred with their Arms came this day from the Mount to *Truro*, the Head-quarter; many took up Arms with us, the reſt went to their homes. I am

Sir your Servant,

Truro, March 19. 1645. *F. R.*

Whereas

WHereas I wrote unto you formerly, that there would be no need of horſes for the Train, and but few recruits for the horſe, hoping there had been horſes able and ſufficient upon the disbanding for that purpoſe: I thought fit to give you notice, that though there be numbers ſufficient, yet they are ſo poor, and the Countrey ſo waſted, the beſt horſes of the Army having nothing but ſtraw and hardly that to feed on, that they are altogether uſeleſſe for preſent ſervice, or for future but by a continuance of ſome time at graſſe, the ſeaſon of the yeer not admitting us to ſtay, till they be in a condition for ſervice: Above a thouſand two hundred we have already delivered to us, and many hundreds were rejected, the horſes not being worth twenty ſhillings, and many of them challenged by the Countrey people: The Officers and their attendants are well mounted, which the Articles gave them leave to carry away, and in many Troops their are more Officers then Souldiers, but though we have not their horſes in the way we expected, yet we have them by exchange or bargain; and every day at the disbanding the Officers, having once delivered up their Names and Horſes, and paſſed themſelves and attendants according to the Articles, publikely given an engagement, not to bear Arms againſt the Parliament, unleſſe they firſt render themſelves priſoners, had liberty to ſell their horſes, which was readily laid hold of by the Officers of the Army, and moſt of them either bought or exchanged; ſo what before the disbanding and the disbanding the Army, the Officers thereof (at leaſt) have

have accommodated themselves with choice Nags, and because we understand many of the enemy have left their horses in private houses further West, a select party of horse who will be punctual in pursuing directions, are sent to seize upon what horses of the enemies they can finde in the Countries hands: I think the horse delivered in and those refused to be accepted, and those that have allowance to the Officers are four thousand three hundred horse, by the best observation I could make, there in the view at the disbanding Colonels of Brigades, Colonels of Regiments, and Colonels Reformadoes, at the least thirty: A greater number of Lieut. Colonels and Majors: And for Captains, Lieutenants, and Cornets, many hundreds; and for those that are not of the Army, that live under the protection of the Army, having further therewith; of Knights and Gentlemen of quality, the number was also great, the particulars whereof I hope to long to present you withal.

Truro, March 20. 1645.

The Messenger staying till this morning, I can now satisfie you, that the two Troops that remained of the last night, and this morning disbanded: I have no other to write, but to morrow the Generals Army towards *Exeter*.

Truro, March 20. 1645. *at four in the afternoon.*

FINIS.

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